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2a)		s action is non-fin	al.				
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4)⊠ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.							
	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw		ion.				
5)	Claim(s) is/are allowed.						
6)⊠	☑ Claim(s) <u>1-20</u> is/are rejected.						
7)	Claim(s) is/are objected to.						
	Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	election requirem	ent.				
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	The specification is objected to by the Examiner						
10)[_]	The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a)☐ accep	· •	·				
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11) The proposed drawing correction filed on is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.							
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.  12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.							
Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120							
13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).							
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:							
,-	1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.						
	2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No.						
Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.							
	4) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).						
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.  15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.							
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2) Notice	e of References Cited (PTO-892) e of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) nation Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s)	5) 🔲 (5	nterview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) Other:				

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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

- 1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:
  - The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.
- 2. Claims 1-20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The amended specification and the existing specification does not enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention of an ultra wide band network using a TDMA frame format. How does ultra wide band network enable TDMA? In other words, the specification does not describe in such a way to enable how the ultra wide band network implements the TDMA.

#### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

3. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

4. Claims 1, 9, 14, and 20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Regarding claims 1, 9 and 20, Under the Interim Guideline for Examination of Patent Applications for Patent Subject Matter Eligibility, the claims seek for patent protection of a

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signal. Moreover, it does not appear that claims reciting a multiplicity of ultra wide band signal encoded with functional descriptive material falls within any of the categories of patentable subject matter set forth in § 101.

Regarding claim 14, Under the Interim Guideline for Examination of Patent Applications for Patent Subject Matter Eligibility, the claims seek for patent protection of a signal. Moreover, it does not appear that claims reciting a multiplicity of ultra wide band signal encoded with functional descriptive material falls within any of the categories of patentable subject matter set forth in § 101. In addition, according to ANNEX IV-Computer Readable Nonstatutory Subject Matter section of the Interim Guideline for Examination of Patent Applications for Patent Subject Matter Eligibility, the computer program is not embodied or encoded on a computer read-able medium.

## Response to Arguments

5. The amendment to the specification filed on 2/2/06 to include one paragraph of the '683 patent, which is incorporated by reference is accepted for consideration.

### Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chirag G. Shah whose telephone number is 571-272-3144. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on 571-272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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